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SUBJECT: PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH IMPACT OF
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FORMS: VISIT OF DRS. HAMILTON AND
COOPER, NOV 30-DEC2, 1977

L. SUMMARY: DR. LEONARD D. HAMILTON, BROOKHAVEN
NATIONAL LABORATORY, AND DR. RAYMOND D. COOPER, DIVISION
OF TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW, DOE, VISITED MISSION ON ABOVE
DATES TO EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE
OECD FRAMEWORK AN INDEPENDENT SELF-APPOINTED COMMITTEE
OF DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS TO EXAMINE THE COMPARATIVE
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF VARIOUS ENERGY
OPTIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THE IDEA HAS BEEN UNDER CONSI-
DERATION BY DOE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. SUMMARIZED BELOW
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FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF
DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE VISIT. WE
LEAVE IT TO WASHINGTON TO JUDGE THE SUBSTANTIVE MERITS
OF THIS STUDY OR THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS
PROPOSED FOR UNDERTAKING IT. HOWEVER, WE PROVIDE OUR
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONAL PROSPECTS
FOR ESTABLISHING SUCH A PROJECT AT OECD IF WASHINGTON

SHOULD DECIDE TO PURSUE IT IN THIS FORUM. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE IN PARIS, HAMILTON AND COOPER HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION OFFICERS (INCLUDING DCM), THE DEPUTY-SECRETARY GENERAL OF OECD (ELDIN), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IEA (LANTZKE), AND SEVERAL DELEGATES TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THEN IN SESSION. IN ADDITION, A MEETING WAS HELD AT DEGAULLE AIRPORT OF FIVE SCIENTISTS REPRESENTING UK, FRG, NORWAY, FRANCE, WHO FLEW IN FOR A DISCUSSION AT DR. HAMILTON'S INVITATION. HAMILTON REPORTED HIGHLY POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THESE SCIENTISTS.

3. THE ESSENCE OF THE PROPOSAL IS TO ASSEMBLE AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDING REPRESENTING VARIOUS DISCIPLINES TO ASSESS THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND USE. (WHILE THE WRITTEN PROJECT PROPOSAL BROUGHT HERE BY HAMILTON AND COOPER REFERRED TO GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, THEY STRESSED THAT MAIN AIM OF PROJECT WOULD BE TO EXAMINE DIRECT AND INDIRECT EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH). CONCEPT IS THAT THE INDEPENDENCE AND PRESTIGE OF THE GROUP WOULD BE ASSURED BY THE EMINENCE AND BROAD GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF ITS MEMBERS AND FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN ITS DELIBERATIONS. HAMILTON MADE CLEAR COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP MUST BE DETERMINED BY SCIENTISTS THEMSELVES. GROUP WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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"SELF-AGGREGATING" IN REALITY TO ASSURE INDEPENDENCE AND PRESTIGE. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY CONSTRAINTS WOULD BE AVOIDED BY CONCENTRATING ON THE OBJECTIVE SCIENTIFIC FACTS RELATING TO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, AS AGREED UPON BY MOST DISTINGUISHED EXPERTS. THE AIM IS THAT THE CONCLUSIONS WOULD THEREFORE CARRY ENORMOUS PRESTIGE, BASED ON WORLD RATHER THAN NATIONAL VIEWPOINT AND CONSIDERING THE ENTIRE ENERGY SYSTEM. HAMILTON ENVISAGES A FIVE-YEAR STUDY WITH AN INTERIM REPORT AFTER TWO YEARS.

4. PROJECT WOULD LOOK AT HYDRO-POWER, NUCLEAR, COAL, OIL, NATURAL GAS AND SEVERAL PROMISING FUTURE ENERGY SOURCES. EACH WOULD BE EXAMINED AS A SYSTEM INCLUDING

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EXTRACTION, REFINING AND CONVERSION, TRANSPORT, CENTRAL STATION CONVERSION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, DECENTRALIZED CONVERSION, AND FINAL ENERGY USE. PROJECT WOULD CONSIDER BIOMEDICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, DIRECT, INDIRECT AND RESIDUAL, ON MAN, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO VEGETATION, ESTHETICS, SOILING, LAND USE, RESOURCE DEPLETION, AND MATERIALS. LONGER TERM EFFECTS WOULD BE EXAMINED AS A DATA BASE AND EXPERIENCE ARE ACCUMULATED.

5. IN PRESENTING THIS PROPOSAL TO US, HAMILTON (WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN THROUGHOUT VISIT) INDICATED HE SAW LINKAGE WITH OECD ESSENTIALLY AS MEANS OF PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL HOME AND IMPRIMATUR (PERHAPS INCLUDING SOME SECRETARIAT SUPPORT) FOR COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS AND A FORUM OR SOUNDING BOARD FOR PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS. HE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT OBJECTIVE WOULD BE THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. WHAT HE ENVISAGED WAS "FREE-STANDING GROUP" --INCLUDING SCIENTISTS FROM LDCS AS WELL AS OECD COUNTRIES -- WHOSE
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MEMBERS WOULD NEITHER REPRESENT NOR BE APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENTS. BASED ON HIS CONTACTS WITH COLLEAGUES IN EUROPE, INCLUDING AT AIRPORT MEETING DURING PRESENT VISIT, HAMILTON FELT CONFIDENT THAT SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT AND FUNDING WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS,

FROM FOUNDATIONS AND POSSIBLY FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY.
PRESUMABLY, PRELIMINARY CONTACTS HAD BEEN PROMISING.

6. LANTZKE'S INITIAL REACTION TO HAMILTON'S PROPOSAL WAS POSITIVE. HE THOUGHT SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH IMPORTANT AND CONSIDERED OECD AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY. LANTZKE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SOME SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FROM COMBINED ENERGY STAFF IF PROJECT WERE ESTABLISHED WITHIN OECD. ELDIN, WHILE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL WAS SOMEWHAT MORE RESERVED, POINTING TO INSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES OF ESTABLISHING THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM AT OECD. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY PROBLEM OF RECONCILING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER OF OECD WITH "FREE STANDING" SELF-APPOINTED GROUP.

7. MISSION, CONSULTED PRIMARILY ON INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION, INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT -- BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE -- TO ESTABLISH THE KIND OF PROJECT HAMILTON HAS IN MIND WITH AN OECD LINK. WE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY LINKAGE WITH OECD WOULD INVOLVE SOME DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT, BOTH IN SELECTING MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS AND IN REVIEWING RESULTS OF ITS WORK. DIRECT INCLUSION OF LDC REPS IN COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS WOULD REPRESENT NEW APPROACH FOR OECD BUT IT COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT IF THERE WERE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AMONG OECD COUNTRIES.

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8. WE TOLD HAMILTON THAT INSTITUTIONAL OPTIONS COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. A PART I ACTIVITY SUPPORTED BY GENERAL OECD BUDGET. AS IN CASE OF MCCracken GROUP SEC GEN COULD CONVENE GROUP OF SCIENTISTS. BUDGET AT PRESENT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR THIS ACTIVITY BUT THERE COULD BE A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IF ALL 24 COUNTRIES AGREE. IT MIGHT BE MORE DIFFICULT UNDER THIS OPTION TO RESTRICT OR CONTROL MEMBERSHIP.
- B. A PART II ACTIVITY BASED ON AGREED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, ALONG LINES OF INTERFUTURES.
- C. A PROGRAM BASED ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AN EXISTING OECD BODY, EITHER IN PART I OR PART II. AN EXISTING BODY WOULD IN EFFECT COMMISSION THE STUDY, WHICH WOULD BE FINANCED BY

THOSE GOVERNMENTS WILLING TO PUT UP VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL PRECEDENTS FOR THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT IN SCIENCE-RELATED FIELDS (INCLUDING NEA FOOD IRRADIATION STUDY AND STUDY OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS UNDER SCIENCE COMMITTEE), BUT THEY HAVE GENERALLY INVOLVED LOWER FUNDING LEVEL THAN THAT ENVISAGED BY HAMILTON.

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D. OECD "PATRONAGE". (IN THIS CASE THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENTLY WITH ITS OWN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS; OECD INVOLVEMENT, BASED ON A COUNCIL DECISION, COULD, HOWEVER, EXTEND TO SOME SECRETARIAT SUPPORT AND USE OF OECD'S NAME AND CHANNELS FOR DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS.)

9. MISSION COMMENT: WE LEAVE IT TO WASHINGTON TO JUDGE THE SUBSTANTIVE MERITS OF THE PROPOSED STUDY OR THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS ENVISAGED FOR UNDERTAKING IT. WHATEVER THE INSTITUTIONAL OPTION CHOSEN, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PROJECT OF THIS SCOPE

AND COMPLEXITY AT THE OECD WOULD BE A DIFFICULT AND LENGTHY PROCESS. THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSED STUDY SEEMS TIMELY. HOWEVER, BEFORE AGREEING TO IT, GOVERNMENTS WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT THIS WORK IS NOT, IN FACT, BEING ADEQUATELY COVERED ELSEWHERE AND THEY WILL WANT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HAVE SOME FEEL FOR THE ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF THE PROJECT, WHICH COULD, BY CASTING DOUBTS ON EXISTING NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES, BECOME HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL. THE LATTER TWO OPTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE LEAST DIFFICULT BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT ENTAIL THE CREATION OF A NEW OECD BODY. BOTH, HOWEVER, WOULD REQUIRE THE ENDORSEMENT OF AN EXISTING OECD BODY (E.G. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE) AS WELL AS A COUNCIL DECISION. IN ANY EVENT, A DECISION TO FLOAT THIS PROPOSAL AT THE OECD SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY CAREFUL CONSULTATION WITH OTHER KEY GOVERNMENTS. A DECISION ON WHICH INSTITUTIONAL OPTION TO FOLLOW WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE EXTENT OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES.

10. WE REPORT THE ABOVE FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION. WE PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION WITHOUT GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON.
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